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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated December 2, 2002, be extended for two months to and including May 2, 2003.

Enclosed is a check for \$205 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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